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H. R. 9976

To amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2026

Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Ms. SALINAS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spotted Wing Abate-
5 ment Trust Act of 2026” or the “SWAT Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the spotted wing drosophila, an invasive
9 species from East Asia, has caused significant dam-
10 age to many valuable fruit crops in the United

1 States, including raspberries, blackberries, blue-
 2 berries, strawberries, peaches, plums, and cherries;
 3 and

4 (2) the Department of Agriculture estimates
 5 that spotted wing drosophila account for a combined
 6 20 percent revenue loss across strawberry, blueberry,
 7 raspberry, blackberry, and cherry crops, based on re-
 8 ported yield losses due to that species.

9 **SEC. 3. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND MITI-**
 10 **GATION.**

11 Subtitle A of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C.
 12 7711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 13 lowing:

14 **“SEC. 420A. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND**
 15 **MITIGATION.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Ani-
 17 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service (referred to in
 18 this section as the ‘Administrator’) shall establish a fund
 19 within the Department of Agriculture to fund research re-
 20 lating to, and activities to mitigate the negative effects of,
 21 spotted wing drosophila.

22 “(b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.—The Adminis-
 23 trator shall—

24 “(1) determine eligible recipients to enter into
 25 cooperative agreements with, or award grants to,

1 using amounts in the fund established under sub-
2 section (a); and

3 “(2) oversee the activities carried out using
4 amounts in that fund.

5 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated for the fund established
7 under subsection (a) \$6,500,000 for the fiscal year in
8 which the Spotted Wing Abatement Trust Act of 2026 is
9 enacted and each of the 4 fiscal years thereafter.”.

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